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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT: Request from Representative Edna F. Kelly
for Briefing on Soviet Oil Penetration of
Europe**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.
2. Representative Edna F. Kelly (D., N. Y.) and several members of her Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe are travelling to Europe this month on a study mission. Mrs. Kelly, through a staff assistant, asked for a CIA briefing in Washington for Representative Peter Frelinghuysen and herself on Soviet oil penetration in Europe with specific emphasis on the effect of on the Soviet Union's goals in Italy.
3. After discussions with ORR and State Department's Congressional Relations office, we asked Mr. Boyd Crawford, Foreign Affairs Committee Staff Director, to advise Mrs. Kelly that any information CIA had on this subject had been passed to State. It was suggested to Crawford that she should ask the Department to brief her. Crawford was also advised that the information involved was essentially from open sources.
4. Crawford acted on the above and Mrs. Kelly reacted by stating that she had "positive information from officials in Europe that CIA has information on this subject which the State Department

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does not have." She said she could only conclude that CIA did not want to give her this information. She added that she wanted Representatives McDowell and Barry, of her Subcommittee, and Representative Leonor Sullivan, who is not even a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, to be present at the briefing.

5. It is doubtful if any briefing by the Agency of Mrs. Kelly and the members of her Subcommittee would serve any useful purpose and would probably be considered by her to be inadequate. (In August of this year, we reluctantly provided Mrs. Kelly with a somewhat sterilized version of the study which OER prepared for you on this subject. Mr. Casarnecki commented that this was little more than what he had already gotten from the newspapers.) It would also establish a precedent for Mrs. Kelly to request or demand a CIA briefing on any particular subject in the future.

6. I recommend we maintain our position that State Department is the proper organization to brief Mrs. Kelly on this subject, despite the fact Mrs. Kelly will be most unhappy and probably will express her views publicly at any appropriate opportunity.

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Recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved:

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